

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 19 March to 8 April 1953

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] PREPARED 7 May 1953

REFERENCES 25X1A

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (none)

REMARKS

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1. The following air activity was observed at Brandenburg-Briest airfield from 19 March through 8 April 1953:
- 25X1X 19 to 21 March. Jet planes took off at irregular intervals from the field. Aircraft towing an air sleeve were repeatedly seen. The air sleeve would be dropped over the field before the tow plane landed. Night flying was also observed. The weather was fair.
- 25X1 23 to 28 March. There was day flying in generally fair weather. Night flying was observed [REDACTED] on two days of the period involved. 25X1
- 25X1 30 March and 1 April. There was air activity at day. 25X1
- 2 April. [REDACTED] a siren was sounded near the Landesanstalt. Subsequently the noise of running motor vehicle engines was heard. [REDACTED] MIG-15s took off for flights beyond the field. MIG-15s towing an air sleeve were repeatedly seen during the day. Night flying was practiced [REDACTED] 25X1
- 25X1 3 April. [REDACTED] about 30 landings by MIG-15 and type-29 aircraft. Weather was fair. Four planes were observed towing an air sleeve. 25X1
- 4 April. There was air activity by MIG-15s [REDACTED] 25X1
- 5 April. No air activity was observed.
- 6 April. Air activity was started [REDACTED] and continued until the afternoon when weather became dull. The ceiling was at an altitude of 800 to 1,000 meters. 25X1
- 25X1 7 April. About twenty 30-minute flights were made by MIG-15 and type-29 aircraft [REDACTED] In the morning, weather was dull with the ceiling at 500 to 600 meters. In the afternoon it rained heavily. 25X1
- 8 April. No flying was observed [REDACTED] 25X1
2. On 6 April, [REDACTED] the two masts west of the single-story temporary building at the radar installations had been removed. Halfway between this building and the other two masts two pits had been dug out. Earth walls about two meters high, covering an area of about 7 x 8 meters and covered with camouflage nets were seen. An area 100 x 150 meters around the single-story temporary building was surrounded by a two-meter barbed wire fence. The area was being patrolled by a soldier armed with a sub-machine gun. The barking of dogs was heard but no dogs were seen.²
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3. [REDACTED] on 25 March, air activity by MIG-15s was started at the field. Flying apparently discontinued [REDACTED] on 26 March, there was 25X1 heavy air activity at the installation. Formations of two and three planes were seen aloft.

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1. [] Comment. A fighter regiment is stationed at Brandenburg-Briest airfield. Flying at the field followed the usual pattern. It is interesting to note that air-to-air firing by MiG-15s was practiced with air sleeves towed by MiG-15s. Slower aircraft are now seldom used as target tow planes. The same observation, which reflects on the firing efficiency of Soviet fighter pilots, was also made at other East German airfields.

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2. [] Comment. Detailed information on this radar station was transmitted previously. []. On the basis of referenced report it was believed that the installation consisted of two SCR-602 sets and two Yagi type antennas. However, the equipment of the installation has not been definitely determined.

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